

Chair Lawrence, Chair Sachs and Fellow Energy Consumers on the EUT Committee

I oppose LD 1270 **An Act to Establish the Department of Energy Resource** and feel the Governors Energy Office should be terminated and should not be transformed into the Department of Energy.

The GEO staff is 21 people promoting an energy plan that is polar opposite of the " National Energy Emergency" declaration of the duly elected President of the United States.

The GEO has partnered with the democrat controlled legislature along with various environmental NGOs and the renewable energy lobbyists to advance unreachable goals that will impoverish Maine people with high energy costs. This partnership is on a fruitless mission to eradicate fossil fuels from Maine and replacing them with intermittent wind and solar backed up by batteries. The expense of this so-called energy plan is in the billions and add the risk of blackouts and government intervention into private homes.

The only responsible engineers developing a realistic picture on how excess wind, solar and batteries will impact the grid are working for ISO-NE and the Maine PUC, not the GEO.

Transforming the GEO into a cabinet department is ill conceived in light of Maine's current state budget shortfalls.

The GEO and the legislature, accustomed to receiving inflation driven federal money for the last 4 years, have to acknowledge their plan will face demise now that new federal money and assets are being redirected from intermittent energy resources to abundant American crude oil, natural gas, lease condensates, natural gas liquids, refined petroleum products, uranium, coal, biofuels, geothermal heat, the kinetic movement of flowing water, and critical minerals, as defined by 30 U.S.C. 1606 (a)(3)."

For the sake of we, the people struggling with extraordinary energy costs brought about by "Middle Man" activities that will destroy reliable electricity generation, raise the cost heating fuels and forbid a constitutionally guaranteed freedom to chose our transportation modes, please spare us any further propaganda of false hopes that expects us to believe that pouring billions of more dollars into wind, solar and batteries will lower electric rates. We are now wise to the " New Green Scam" Defund the GEO. Save our State.

Thank You Clayton McKay Dixfield, The Only One